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REPORT  
OF THE  
SELECTMEN  
OF THE  
TOWN OF FRANKLIN,  
FOR THE YEAR ENDING MARCH,  
1852.

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AND REPORT OF THE  
S. SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

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## SELECTMEN'S REPORT.

The Selectmen of the Town of Franklin charge themselves with the following items, viz :—

|                                                   |         |
|---------------------------------------------------|---------|
| Cash in the treasury, March, 1851,.....           | \$40 42 |
| “ received of collector for 1850,.....            | 116 97  |
| “ assessed in 1851, resident tax,.....            | 2084 38 |
| “ non resident,.....                              | 72 13   |
| “ received of Grantham, for pauper,.....          | 4 35    |
| “ “ “ State treasurer, crow tax,.....             | 16 70   |
| “ “ “ “ “ literary fund.....                      | 59 87   |
| “ “ “ show men,.....                              | 60 00   |
| “ “ “ County treasurer, county paupers,.....      | 122 50  |
| “ “ “ State treasurer for soldiers services,..... | 40 00   |
| “ “ “ “ “ Railroad tax,.....                      | 691 17  |
| “ “ “ overseer of poor farm,.....                 | 27 06   |
| “ “ “ for use of town hall,.....                  | 8 75    |
| <hr/> \$3344 40                                   |         |

Which is accounted for as follows :

### *Town Expenses.*

|                                                                  |       |
|------------------------------------------------------------------|-------|
| To cash paid G. P. Lyon for book,.....                           | 91    |
| “ “ “ Selectmen's expenses taking inventory,.....                | 2 75  |
| “ “ “ “ “ examining roads,.....                                  | 3 25  |
| “ “ “ “ “ county paupers,.....                                   | 12 45 |
| “ “ “ John W. Colby, enrolling and return-<br>ing soldiers,..... | 4 00  |
| “ “ “ insurance,.....                                            | 5 04  |
| “ “ “ soldiers services 1850, by vote of town<br>1851,.....      | 26 00 |
| “ “ “ repairing pound,.....                                      | 15    |
| “ “ “ I. N. Hunkins, repairing engine,.....                      | 3 44  |
| “ “ “ engine men,.....                                           | 28 50 |
| “ “ “ T. R. White, Selectmen's board,.....                       | 9 00  |
| “ “ “ Stephen Kenrick, as selectman,.....                        | 31 50 |
| “ “ “ Abner Kimball, “ “.....                                    | 28 34 |
| “ “ “ Thomas R. White, “ “.....                                  | 37 50 |
| “ “ “ Thomas R. White, as treasurer,.....                        | 10 00 |
| “ “ “ John H. Rowell, as town clerk,.....                        | 10 00 |
| “ “ “ stationery,.....                                           | 1 00  |
| “ “ “ Lyman Cheney, repairing hearse,.....                       | 50    |
| “ “ “ Jonathan Leavitt, collecting taxes in<br>1850,.....        | 2 82  |
| “ “ “ J. H. Cilley, taking care of town house,.....              | 10 84 |
| “ “ “ James Clark, surveying stone,.....                         | 3 75  |
| “ “ “ auditors,.....                                             | 3 00  |
| <hr/> \$234 74                                                   |       |

*State and County Tax.*

|                       |                |
|-----------------------|----------------|
| Paid State tax, ..... | 304 80         |
| " County tax, .....   | 334 54         |
|                       | <hr/> \$639 34 |

*Expenses of Poor Farm.*

|                                                 |                |
|-------------------------------------------------|----------------|
| Cash paid T. R. White, for cow, .....           | 25 00          |
| " " H. Fifield, for labor, .....                | 2 67           |
| " " Joseph Clark, for bill sundries, .....      | 58 19          |
| " " G. W. Sumner, carding wool, .....           | 1 45           |
| " " Moses Pevier, services as overseer, .....   | 180 00         |
| " " Dr. S. B. Kelley, medical services, .....   | 17 50          |
| " " Dr. L. M. Knight, " " .....                 | 18 75          |
| " " J. H. Cilley, 3 coffins and bedstead, ..... | 11 50          |
| " " J. Colburn, bill sundries, .....            | 26 41          |
| " " J. Clark & Co., bill sundries, .....        | 13 54          |
| " " A. N. Woodward, " " .....                   | 24 94          |
| " " Mrs. Horace Peabody, bill sundries, .....   | 3 00           |
| " " J. B. West & Bro., " " .....                | 17 20          |
|                                                 | <hr/> \$400 15 |

From which deduct

|                                                         |             |
|---------------------------------------------------------|-------------|
| Received for County Paupers at farm, .....              | 26 00       |
| Due from county for support of Eyles and<br>wife, ..... | 22 00       |
| Cash paid town treasurer, .....                         | 27 06       |
|                                                         | <hr/> 75 06 |

Leaving for support of town paupers at poor house, \$325 09

*Repairs of Poor House.*

|                                              |               |
|----------------------------------------------|---------------|
| Paid Joseph Clark, for paints and oil, ..... | 17 32         |
| " H. N. Ingalls, labor on house, .....       | 8 88          |
|                                              | <hr/> \$26 20 |

*External Poor.*

|                                                                     |       |
|---------------------------------------------------------------------|-------|
| Cash paid John C. Hancock, coffin, &c., for J. P.                   |       |
| Glines, .....                                                       | 4 50  |
| " " J. Clark, bill sundries for J. P. Glines, .....                 | 3 42  |
| " " for Mrs. T. Colley, .....                                       | 10 25 |
| " " Dr. E. K. Webster, medical services for<br>Mary Prescott, ..... | 15 50 |
| " " D. A. Gerrish, medical services for Mary<br>Prescott, .....     | 5 00  |
| " " E. Davis, medical services for Mary Pres-<br>cott, .....        | 2 00  |
| " " Clark L. Batchelder, support of Mary Ash, .....                 | 15 00 |
| " " City of Manchester, support of Mrs. Hor-<br>ace Peabody, .....  | 3 00  |
| " " B. D. Carr, digging grave J. P. Glines, .....                   | 2 00  |

|                                                     |                   |         |
|-----------------------------------------------------|-------------------|---------|
| Cash paid Moses Brown, support of his mother, . . . | 26 00             |         |
|                                                     | <u>          </u> | \$86 67 |

*County Paupers.*

|                         |                               |    |          |
|-------------------------|-------------------------------|----|----------|
| Paid for the support of | John Fleury, . . . . .        | 5  | 30       |
| " " " " "               | Sophia Cogswell, . . . . .    | 48 | 87       |
| " " " " "               | Sarah Coyle, . . . . .        | 32 | 52       |
| " " " " "               | Thomas Eyles, and wife, . .   | 30 | 00       |
| " " " " "               | Sarah Collins, . . . . .      | 13 | 98       |
| " " " " "               | J. S. Heath's wife, . . . . . | 3  | 44       |
|                         |                               |    | \$134 11 |

## Highways and Bridges.

|                                                |    |          |
|------------------------------------------------|----|----------|
| Paid Hiram Shaw, for plank, . . . . .          | 5  | 55       |
| " T. W. Call, " . . . . .                      | 8  | 03       |
| " S. D. Morrison, for labor, . . . . .         | 3  | 20       |
| " Moses G. Kimball, for labor, . . . . .       | 3  | 20       |
| " N. M. Gage, " " . . . . .                    |    | 80       |
| " David Gage, " " . . . . .                    | 7  | 00       |
| " Anthony Colby, " " . . . . .                 | 1  | 60       |
| " J. L. Thompson, " " . . . . .                | 1  | 42       |
| " C. H. Clark, " " lumber and stone, . . . . . | 78 | 48       |
| " John Pevier, " " do . . . . .                | 43 | 00       |
| " " land damages, . . . . .                    | 5  | 00       |
| " T. P. Atherton, for labor, . . . . .         | 3  | 20       |
| " E. C. Wyatt, " and plank, . . . . .          | 5  | 75       |
| " J. Leavitt, " " . . . . .                    | 4  | 00       |
| " J. L. Peabody, for plank, . . . . .          | 13 | 93       |
| " Peabody & Daniell, for lumber, . . . . .     | 8  | 37       |
| " Charles Colby, for labor, . . . . .          | 3  | 50       |
| " George C. Ward, for labor, . . . . .         | 7  | 25       |
| " Reuben Darling, " " . . . . .                | 2  | 00       |
| " A. G. Morrison, " plank, . . . . .           | 3  | 05       |
| " Jeremiah Green, " labor, . . . . .           | 3  | 50       |
| " John Hancock, " and lumber, . . . . .        | 1  | 50       |
| " Ephraim Daniels, " " . . . . .               | 2  | 40       |
| " Samuel Bacon, " breaking roads, . . . . .    | 15 | 16       |
| " Henry Burley, " lumber, . . . . .            | 7  | 63       |
| " Benjamin Pettingill, for labor, . . . . .    | 2  | 35       |
| " Abner Kimball, " " . . . . .                 | 11 | 81       |
| " T. R. White, " " . . . . .                   | 2  | 00       |
| " S. Kenrick, " " . . . . .                    | 6  | 50       |
| " Eben. B. Colby, for lumber, . . . . .        | 4  | 48       |
| " Samuel George, " " . . . . .                 | 1  | 75       |
| " James Clark, " labor, . . . . .              | 5  | 00       |
| " Gideon Stevens, " " . . . . .                | 1  | 00       |
|                                                |    | \$273 41 |

*School Money.*

|                                                 |     |                |
|-------------------------------------------------|-----|----------------|
| Paid District No. 1,                            | 98  | 60             |
| " " " 2,                                        | 58  | 72             |
| " " " 3,                                        | 225 | 52             |
| " " " 4,                                        | 53  | 34             |
| " " " 5,                                        | 61  | 87             |
| " " " 6,                                        | 51  | 83             |
| " " " 7,                                        | 24  | 67             |
| " " " 8,                                        | 47  | 80             |
| " " " 9,                                        | 48  | 85             |
| " " " 10,                                       | 126 | 30             |
|                                                 |     | <hr/> \$797 50 |
| " Teachers' Institute,                          | 18  | 00             |
| " Superintending School Committee for services, |     |                |
| William T. Savage,                              | 21  | 75             |
| O. T. Waite,                                    | 18  | 75             |
| L. M. Knight,                                   | 5   | 00             |
|                                                 |     | <hr/> \$45 50  |

*Miscellaneous Items.*

|                                                  |    |                |
|--------------------------------------------------|----|----------------|
| Cash paid bounty on crows,                       | 16 | 70             |
| " " soldiers,                                    | 40 | 00             |
| " " Daniel Osgood, collecting taxes,             | 42 | 59             |
| " " for non resident highway tax worked out,     | 14 | 23             |
| " " " abatement of taxes for 1849, '50 and 1851, | 47 | 95             |
|                                                  |    | <hr/> \$161 47 |

*Sundry Claims due the Town.*

|                                            |     |                |
|--------------------------------------------|-----|----------------|
| Daniel Osgood's note, dated March 2, 1852, | 190 | 00             |
| Due from the town of Northfield,           | 7   | 62             |
| " for the support of J. S. Heath's wife,   | 3   | 44             |
| " from county, for paupers,                | 75  | 10             |
| Cash in the hands of treasurer,            | 337 | 21             |
|                                            |     | <hr/> \$613 37 |

**RECAPITULATION.**

|                                                |        |    |
|------------------------------------------------|--------|----|
| Amount of money received by the treasurer,     | \$3344 | 30 |
| Which is accounted for as follows:             |        |    |
| Town expenses,                                 | 234    | 74 |
| State and County tax,                          | 639    | 34 |
| Expenses of poor farm,                         | 400    | 15 |
| Repairs of poor house,                         | 26     | 20 |
| Support of external poor,                      | 86     | 67 |
| " " county paupers,                            | 134    | 11 |
| Repairs of highways and bridges,               | 273    | 41 |
| Support of schools,                            | 797    | 50 |
| Paid teachers' institute,                      | 18     | 00 |
| Superintending school committee, for services, | 45     | 50 |
| Miscellaneous expenses,                        | 161    | 47 |

|                                         |                |
|-----------------------------------------|----------------|
| Daniel Osgood's note to treasurer,..... | 190 00         |
| Cash in treasurer's hands,.....         | 337 21         |
|                                         | —————\$3344 30 |

*Statement of Poor Farm.*

|                                                |                |
|------------------------------------------------|----------------|
| Inventory for 1851,.....                       | 862 07         |
| Sundry bills, including overseer's wages,..... | 400 15         |
|                                                | —————\$1262 22 |
| Inventory for 1852,.....                       | 904 48         |
| Cash paid the treasurer,.....                  | 75 06          |
|                                                | —————\$974 54  |
| Nett expense of poor farm,.....                | 282 68         |
| All of which is respectfully submitted.        |                |

STEPHEN KENRICK, } *Selectmen*  
 ABNER KIMRALL, } *of*  
 THOMAS R. WHITE. } *Franklin.*

The undersigned, auditors of accounts for the year ending March, 1852, for the town of Franklin, have carefully examined the foregoing accounts and find them correctly cast and properly vouched.

D. J. DANIELS, } *Auditors.*  
 JAMES CLARK, }  
 HORACE NOYES. }

*Names and ages of the inmates of the Alms House.*

|                            |    |                         |    |
|----------------------------|----|-------------------------|----|
| Mrs. Elizabeth Clark,..... | 87 | Mrs. Jane Peabody,..... | 23 |
| " ————Clay,.....           | 76 | Gilman Robertson,.....  | 55 |
| Miss Polly Quimby,.....    | 60 | Theodore Sanborn,.....  | 9  |
| " Sally Clark,.....        | 55 | Lafayette Bennet,.....  | 5  |
| " Dolly Marston,.....      | 41 | Lucy Ann Marston,.....  | 3  |

## REPORT

OF THE

## SUPERINTENDING SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

The Superintending Committee, in accordance with their duty, ask leave to submit to the town their annual report :—

The interests with which we have been charged the past year, seem to us inferior to no other under the care of the town ; and it is under the force of this impression that we have endeavored to act in superintending the schools. We have inspected all the public schools kept in town, during both the summer and winter terms, (except in District No. 7, where the school were hardly more than nominal,) having visited them all *once*, and all of them but one, *twice*. Some of them were visited more than twice as occasion required. To this service we have devoted thirty-nine whole days, in addition to the time required for the examination of teachers and other necessary duties pertaining to the schools.

The whole amount appropriated for the support of schools the past year was \$797 50. This we regard as having been in the main, well expended, and unquestionably it has been a most profitable investment for the town. For the number and sex of the teachers employed in the schools, the wages paid to each, the number of scholars in attendance upon the several schools, and the number of weeks continuance of each, we refer you to the statistical table accompanying this report and forming a part of it.

The whole number of scholars who have attended the public schools of the town the past year is 782 in the summer, and 343 in the winter. The average attendance  $168\frac{1}{2}$  in the summer, and 251 in the winter. The number of scholars reported of the proper age to attend school and have not attended at all the past year is 17. Other particulars will be found in the table already alluded to.

DISTRICT NO. 1.—The school-house in *District No. 1* for size, is one of the best in town, but it is deficient in the means of ventilation and needs paint and whitewash to take away the air of unneatness and dirt, that darken it. The summer school was kept by Miss Jane

S. Morrison. It was well regulated, and the scholars appear to have made moderate advancement in the branches generally. The winter school was kept by Mr. Geo. B. Nesmith. The committee highly approve Mr. Nesmith's mode of instruction, and particularly that feature of it that throws the scholar upon his own resources and requires him to act for himself. A more energetic discipline would have afforded the school greater protection, and like the wall guarding the vine on the north, would have brought out the clusters in fuller development. Still, on the final examination, the scholars appeared to have made marked improvement.

DISTRICT NO. 2.—*School District No. 2* has an ill-arranged and inconvenient school-house, which might, without great expense, be made convenient for the present number of scholars. The seats need to be re-modeled, the floor brought down to a level, and an air of neatness and taste given to the house.

The school in this district was kept by Miss Adeline Evans, both summer and winter. She appears to have been faithful in the instruction and government of the scholars, and the committee are happy to mention, that on the first examination of the winter school, *all the scholars* spoke out so loudly and so distinctly, that there was no difficulty in understanding them—an honor which we can accord to no other school in town.

DISTRICT NO. 3.—*In District No. 3* the school-house is new and has two school-rooms. The primary school-room is convenient, and will accommodate the school occupying it, Miss C. Augusta Clement kept the summer term, and Miss Mary Osgood, the winter. This school, we regard as one of the most important in town, on account of the large number of the very young attending it. It is of the utmost importance that their education shall commence aright. On visiting this school in the summer and winter terms, we regarded it as appearing in general well. We thought that the scholars were helped along too much by the teachers, and not thrown sufficiently on their own resources, but in the main the scholars seemed to have made appropriate advancement.

The apartment occupied by the advanced school, although so recently built, has even now become too small for the number attending school. It needs enlargement. It needs also whitewash for the walls, and a greatly increased supply of black-boards and other apparatus. The summer term of this school was kept by Miss Catherine White, and the winter term by Mr. Noah M. Proctor. Miss White is a well

qualified and thorough teacher. She had to contend with a degree of insubordination in some of the pupils, but this was effectually suppressed and the final examination gave token of general advancement in the school. Among some parents in this district, a bad practice exists of withdrawing their children from the summer school before its close. The term of Mr. Procter was successful. The government of the school and the training of the scholars in elementary principles, were thorough and entirely satisfactory to the committee. On the final examination, a marked progress was apparent in the school at large. The advanced school in this district, in the opinion of the committee, should be made to take a higher rank among the schools of the town than it now does. Many of the scholars are far behind the privileges they enjoy, both in reference to intellectual attainment and general propriety of manners, but we hope for a change that shall accomplish all that is to be desired in this respect. The parents, teachers and scholars should see to it.

DISTRICT NO. 4.—*District No. 4* has a school-house, that, whether we regard its situation, its structure, or its present condition, is a disgrace to the district and the town. The good citizens there should see to it. Miss Betsey Simonds kept the summer term and Mr. Joseph Brown, the winter. Neither of these teachers made report to the Superintending School Committee, as required by law. And consequently were not legally entitled to any compensation for their services. Yet, as far as the Committee could judge from their examinations, both of them were faithful in instructing and directing their pupils. The progress of the school was satisfactory.

DISTRICT NO. 5.—*District No. 5* has a very inconvenient school-house. It is situated in a beautiful place, but it is small and poorly constructed within, and, like some other school-houses in town, has not the appropriate buildings without. The summer term was kept by Miss Jenette Morse, who appeared to have been faithful in the discharge of her duties; and the school made tolerable advancement.

The winter term was kept by Mr. H. Emery. The good influence of this school was greatly impaired by insubordination among the scholars. The Committee were called to the unpleasant duty of dismissing from it, Everts N. Call, a young man of nearly nineteen years of age, for wilful disobedience to the reasonable requirements of the master. Mr. Emery appears to have endeavored faithfully to discharge his duty. There is great room for improvement in this school.

DISTRICT NO. 6.—In *District No. 6* the school-house is small, but comparatively convenient and comfortable. The summer term of the school was kept by Miss F. E. Collins. It was well kept; and the scholars made commendable improvement. The winter term was kept by Mr. ——— Dudley. This teacher failed to make his report as required by law. During the course of the school, a difficulty arose in it, which resulted in the expulsion therefrom, of J. Franklin Fellows, for wilful disobedience to the reasonable rules of the school. The teacher appears to have been firm and faithful in the discharge of his duties. The school appeared favorably on the final examination.

DISTRICT NO. 7.—*District No. 7* has no school-house and but seven scholars. A school of eight weeks was kept in the winter, by Miss Mary M. Kenniston, attended by three scholars. The Committee were not notified of the existence of the school and did not visit it.

DISTRICT NO. 8.—In *District No. 8* the school-house is in great need of remodeling and enlargement. It is very cold in winter. The enterprising citizens there should not allow this. The summer term was kept by Miss H. M. C. Kelley, who seems to have made faithful effort in the discharge of her duty, and the progress of the school was moderate. Mr. Asa W. Mason kept the winter school. This was not visited at its close.

DISTRICT NO. 9.—*District No. 9* has recently repaired its school-house, so that it is now comfortable. The summer and winter terms were both kept by Miss Amanda G. Cilley, and kept to the benefit of the scholars and the satisfaction of the Committee.

DISTRICT NO. 10.—*District No. 10* has a school-house much too small for true economy, and entirely inadequate to accommodate the children that are packed into it. Pure air to breathe is alike necessary for the mind and the body; and space for locomotion is as important to the cultivation of the manners as to the comfort and convenience of the pupils. Is not a word to the wise sufficient? Miss Mary G. Morrison kept the summer, and Mr. J. Wesley Simonds the winter, term of the school. These both, in the judgment of the Committee, were profitable terms. And marked improvement was visible in the attainments of the scholars.

Thus we have given a statement, in detail, of the condition of the school-houses and of the schools, as they have come under our observation the past year. Some of these school-houses, if they had mouths that could speak, would cry out to the inhabitants of the districts whenever they passed by, and would "a tale disclose" of wrongs in-

flicted on the bodies, minds and morals of the children, such as the parents would not consent at all to endure. Those wrongs should be redressed without delay, by rebuilding or repairing the buildings needing it. The school-house should be made a comfortable and attractive place—a temple of science, rather than a cage for wild beasts—a place adapted to develop the tastes and finer susceptibilities of the opening mind, rather than a prison for the torment of ungoverned passion and rising crime. It is cheering to see the change that is coming over the views of the people of our State in regard to the improvement, the furnishing and adornment of the school-house. We hope that the fruits of such a change may soon be witnessed among us.

The schools, on the whole, have been of about the same grade of excellence as the year previous. The good accruing from them has been unquestionably great, but their usefulness may, and should be greatly increased. We are happy to believe that the interest of our fellow-citizens is becoming more and more enlisted in them, and we trust that that interest is yet to be largely increased.

The law makes it our duty, in this report, to offer “such suggestions as may be useful, upon the management of schools and the subject of education.”

The first thing that occurs to us, here, relates to district No. 10. It seems very obvious to us, that it would be greatly for the advancement of education there, and in the adjacent district in Northfield, for the two districts to form a union with each other for school purposes. The one enfolds the other in its arms. A union between them would be mutually and highly beneficial, in portraying and elevating the schools. God seems to have joined them together, in this regard, and may we not hope that they will not be kept asunder? Without farther suggestion in favor of this union, we commend it to the consideration of the citizens of the two districts.

We would farther suggest to the town, the importance of placing in each school-house, a *dictionary*, and a *chart of the elementary sounds* of the English language. Great difficulty is found in getting out the voices of the children. It has been found by experience that exercises on the elementary sounds of the language (besides the ends more directly aimed at) may be made effectual in *bringing out the voice*. This, we regard as of high importance, connected as it is with assured mental strength and true manly culture. We recommend such a chart for each school-house; and Webster's large dictionary, as the best standard for pronouncing and defining the words of our language; and

suggest that so much of the avails of the bank tax as may be necessary for the purchase of them be appropriated to that purpose.

It is much to be regretted that our schools are so short, and that by time some of them are fairly under way, they are required to close. In a well managed school, the last half of the term will ordinarily accomplish results twice as valuable as the first half. True economy requires that the schools should be sufficiently long to reach the "maximum" of benefits. That our appropriations for schools are not sufficient to accomplish this, all will be convinced by considering how short they are. And then, it is not at all flattering to our pride to have it reported by the Board of Education, and published to the world, that among the two hundred and eleven towns of the State, there are one hundred and twenty-one that appropriate more money, according to their scholars, for the education of their children than the town of Franklin does, and to have it added to this, that among the twenty-four towns of Merrimack county, we stand as low as the sixteenth in such a noble cause as this. We submit to the citizens of Franklin whether the true interests of our children at home, and the reputation of the town abroad, do not require that the schools be lengthened. With these suggestions, and asking all good citizens to throw around the schools the shield of their protection and the encouragement of their fostering care, we close our report.

Which is respectfully submitted.

|                    |                                                               |
|--------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------|
| WILLIAM T. SAVAGE, | } <i>Superintending School<br/>Committee of<br/>Franklin.</i> |
| L. M. KNIGHT,      |                                                               |
| O. J. WAIT.        |                                                               |

Franklin, March 2, 1852.

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## APPENDIX.

The books adopted by the Superintending School Committee for the schools in Franklin are as follows:

Towne's series of Reading Books,  
 Towne's Speller and Definer,  
 Welde's Grammar and Parsing Book,  
 Adams' Revised Arithmetic,  
 Colburn's Mental Arithmetic,  
 Emerson's Arithmetic,  
 Smith's Geography and Atlas,  
 Mitchell's Primary Geography,  
 Cutter's Physiology,  
 Webster's Dictionary.

regard that as much of the evils of the back tax as may be necessary for the purchase of them be applied to that purpose.

It is much to be regretted that our schools are so poor, and that at times some of them are fairly wretched. In a well managed school, the last half of the term will ordinarily accomplish results twice as valuable as the first half. This economy requires that the schools should be sufficiently long to reach the "money" of the month. That our appropriations for schools are not sufficient to accomplish this, all will be convinced by considering how short they are. And then, it is not at all surprising to our friends here it is reported by the Board of Education, and published to the world, that among the two hundred and seven towns of the State, there are one hundred and twenty-one that appropriate more money, according to their schools, for the education of their children than the town of Franklin does, and to have it added to this, that among the twenty-four towns of Montachusett county, we stand as low as the sixteenth in each a noble name as this. We submit to the citizens of Franklin whether the true interests of our children at home, and the reputation of the town abroad, do not require that the schools be lengthened. With these suggestions, and seeing all good citizens so show around the schools the shield of their protection and the encouragement of their faithful care, we close our report.

Which is respectfully submitted.

WILLIAM T. SAVAGE, )  
J. M. KNIGHT, )  
G. J. WAIT, )  
Superintendent of Schools,  
County of Franklin.

Exposition, March 2, 1852.

## APPENDIX.

The books supplied by the Superintending School Committee for the

schools in Franklin are as follows:

- Town's Book of Reading Books.
- Town's Speller and Reader.
- Webster's Grammar and Writing Book.
- Allen's Revised Arithmetic.
- Cobbett's Mental Arithmetic.
- Johnson's Arithmetic.
- Smith's Geography and Atlas.
- Blackwell's Primary Geography.
- Cutter's Physiology.
- Webster's Dictionary.



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